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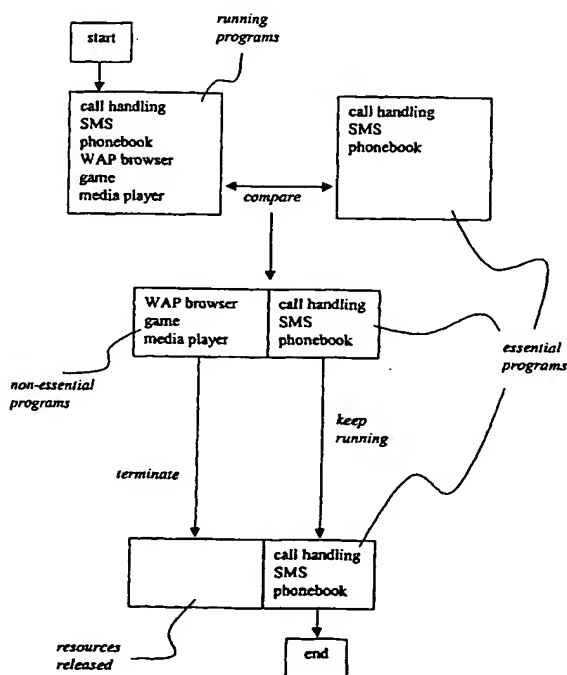
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(54) Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ENSURING THE OPERATING STATE OF A MOBILE ELECTRONIC TERMINAL DEVICE



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a method and a device for ensuring the operating state of a mobile electronic terminal device in connection with hot-swapping of a removable storage medium, wherein the mobile electronic terminal device comprises an interface for connecting with a removable storage medium and containing a directory of programs essential for the operation of said mobile electronic terminal device. The method comprises detecting if the status of said interface has changed (102), comparing (108) programs currently running on said mobile electronic terminal device with programs contained in said directory (14) of said essential programs, and terminating (110) all currently running programs which are not contained in said directory (14) of said essential programs. The inventive mobile electronic terminal device comprises an interface component for connecting with a removable storage medium, a data processing component, and a storage component. The storage component is adapted to store directories of programs, and the interface component is adapted to enable the data processing component to access the removable storage medium. The storage component comprises a directory of programs essential for the operation of the mobile electronic terminal device, and the data processing component comprises a detecting component, a comparing component and a terminating component. The detecting component is adapted to detect status changes of said interface component, the comparing

component is adapted to compare programs currently running on the mobile electronic terminal device with programs contained in the directory of the essential programs, and the terminating component is adapted to terminate programs currently running on the mobile electronic terminal device that are not contained in the directory of the essential programs.



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